

LENTEN RETREAT

A Day of Reflection and Spiritual Growth

At Kimisis Orthodox Church in Aliquippa, PA




MARCH 21, 2026 10AM-2PM
 NO COST: FREE WILL OFFERING
 COMPLIMENTARY LENTEN LUNCH PROVIDED

We are honored to welcome Fr. Paul, known for his impactful ministry and leadership, to lead us in a soul-benefitting discussion this Great Lent.

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SPEAKER
Fr. Paul Abernathy

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 7TH




2026 GREAT LENTEN RETREAT


Saturday, March 21, 2026
 Theme: "Awake, O My Soul: Great Lent in an Age of Distraction"
 Guest Speakers:



Very Rev. Protopresbyter-Stavrophor Rodney Torbic



Mother Christophora



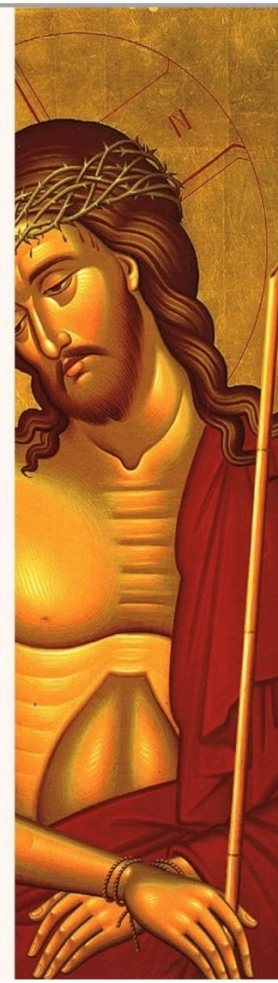
Rev. Presbyter Stefan Djoric

Registration: [Link and QR code to register](#)

Link: <https://forms.gle/8VTXKOGFshVHZyRVA>
 \$50/person collected at registration

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 450 Maxwell Dr, Pittsburgh, PA. 15236



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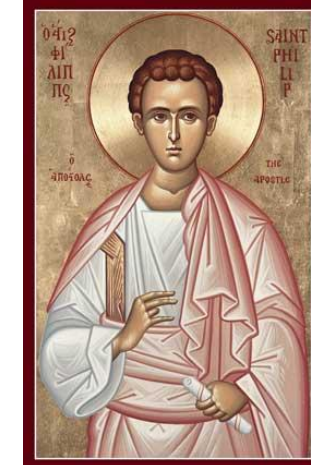
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 Choral Directors: Mauri Druash-Gladys, Kira Senedak, and Pani Anne Haluszczak

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sunday of the Last Judgement / Feast of the Presentation.



The holy, glorious, Apostle Philip was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ.

Born in Bethsaida beside the Sea of Galilee, Philip was so well versed in the Holy Scriptures that he immediately recognized Jesus as the Messiah upon seeing him the first time. After Pentecost, St. Philip preached in Asia and Greece. In Greece, the Jews hated him and the high priest even ran at him to club him to death, but miraculously this Jewish priest was blinded and turned completely black. Then the earth opened up and swallowed him. Many of the sick were healed, and many pagans believed.

St. Philip found himself in the company his sister Mariamma, the Apostle John and the Apostle Bartholomew while preaching in Hieropolis. Through prayer he killed a giant snake that the pagans worshipped, which angered the unbaptized so much that they crucified him and St. Bartholomew upside-down. Again, the earth opened and swallowed his judge along with many pagans, and being terribly afraid the people rushed to bring the Apostles down from their torment. But St. Philip had already reposed.

St. Bartholomew then ordained Stachys – whom St. Philip had healed of a forty-year blindness and baptized – as bishop for those who were baptized in that area. Later, St. Philip's relics were translated to Rome. He is numbered among the Twelve Great Apostles.

The tomb of St. Philip was unearthed in a great discovery in the Denizli province of Turkey in 2011. The discovery took place at the Hierapolis (Pamukkale) ancient excavation site of Denizli in western Turkey on Tuesday 26 July 2011. The excavation has been going on in the area for some 32 years led by the Italian Prof. Francesco D'Andria,

Up till then, people believed that the tomb of St. Philip was in the back hill of Hierapolis, but Francesco D'Andria and his team discovered a new church ruin near 40 meters of the hill and the real tomb of St. Philip the Apostle is in the church.

"Will You Remember Me, O Lord?" The Holy Proskomide: History, Theology, and Mystery

Lenten Retreat!



Presentation of Christ
 Greek Orthodox Church
 1672 Electric Avenue
 East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Saturday, March 14, 2026
 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER:
 Fr. Stelyios Muksuris, PhD, DTh
 Professor and Chair of Liturgy and Sacramental
 Theology, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

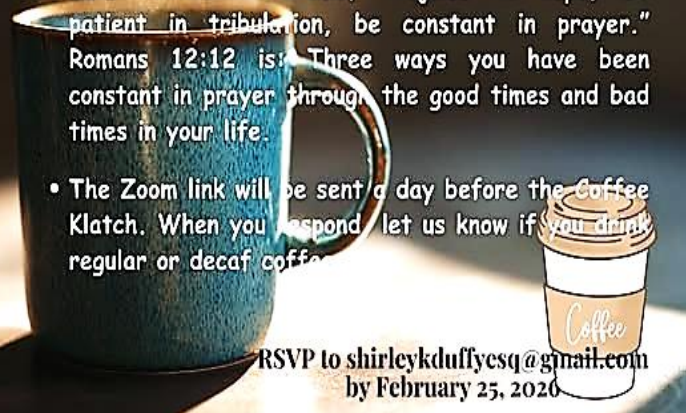


Join us! UOL Zoom Coffee Klatch!

Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10 AM

- It's a great way to connect with family and friends from other parts of the country or even near you that you haven't seen in a while.
- Our discussion topic, in keeping with this year's UOL Convention theme, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12 is: Three ways you have been constant in prayer through the good times and bad times in your life.
- The Zoom link will be sent a day before the Coffee Klatch. When you respond, let us know if you drink regular or decaf coffee.

RSVP to shirleykduffyesq@gmail.com
 by February 25, 2026



Remember in Prayer

Lyuba, Cecilia, Lottie, Evalyn, Christine, Avery Larissa, Nicholas, Pauline, Mark, Terri, Nathan, Thea, Brandon, Anna Marie, Makayla Gaggini, Lisa Czmola, Natalia, Loreana, Ron, Ksenia, Michael (Burik), Tatiana, Mia

O Lord, Jesus Christ, the physician of souls & bodies, look down on your suffering servants, relieve them of their pain and suffering in order that they may be able to arise from their sick-bed and glorify your Holy Name.

Birthdays

Mykola Czmola 3/2
Charles Jones and Kyle Gill 3/5

Febrary Panahida

Brandon Chiarelli	2/02/01
Josip Doroshenko	2/03/16
Olga Miteff	2/04/05
Daniel Pysh	2/08/99
Zina Hundiak	2/08/21
Lena Petrunio	2/08/25
Frances Gebet	2/10/18
Mary Hallam	2/12/07
Leonid Czaban	2/12/07
Olga Burik	2/14/17
Marianne Monahan	2/19/25
Frances Michaliszyn Jacobs	2/21/02
Vera, Ben	2/22/22
Catherine Haluszczak	2/27/96
Dorothy Chronowiat	2/29/09

THE GREAT LENT

A LIFE OF PARADISE ON EARTH

RESTORING A LIFE OF BIBLE READING, PRAYERS, AND MEDITATION

Sanctify your Body, Mind, and Soul through Ascetic Practices

Remember that through Holy Baptism you are born of Water and Spirit

Continue on the Path to Eternal Life

Be born again through the Renewal of the Mind

Commit ourselves to a righteous life

Through the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion, partake in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

Stand firmly against Satan

Repent and Seek Forgiveness

◆ DURING GREAT LENT ◆

- ◆ Follow the Rules of Abstinence and Lenten Practices prescribed by the Church
- ◆ Read the Scriptures Daily and Pray Unceasingly
- ◆ Fast
- ◆ Participate in Church Services Regularly
- ◆ Give food to those who hunger, and drink to those who thirst
- ◆ Set aside a portion of your wealth for the Needy
- ◆ Be Enthusiastic in Good Works
- ◆ Do not be Wasteful and Avoid Arrogance
- ◆ Forgive Everyone and let go of all Grudges
- ◆ Love your Neighbor as yourself

The First Week of Great Lent, Kontak, Tone 6 –

My soul, my soul, rise up! Why are you sleeping? The end is drawing near, and you will be troubled. Awake, then, and be watchful, that Christ our God may spare you, Who is everywhere present and fills all things.

Homemade soup for sale



\$10/qt. meatless
\$12/qt. with meat

See Pauline Witkowsky

Proceeds support Ukraine

Take some to a shut-in

The Bread of Quiet Strength and the Sweetness of Faith: The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

On Wednesday evenings in Great and Holy Lent, the faithful gather in prayerful stillness for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - a service marked not by outward splendor, but by deep inner sobriety. Parish faithful stand side by side, united as one Body, having fasted through the demanding days of Lent and now approaching Christ for strength to continue the journey.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is one of the Church's most tender expressions of pastoral care. Rooted in the ancient tradition and commonly attributed to St. Gregory the Dialogist, it reflects the Church's profound reverence for the Holy Eucharist. Because the weekdays of Great Lent retain a penitential character, the full Eucharistic Liturgy is not celebrated. Yet the faithful are not left unfed. The Holy Gifts, consecrated on Sunday and preserved upon the Holy Altar, are offered as spiritual nourishment - quietly, reverently, and with awe. As St. John Chrysostom teaches: *"The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us; let us not depart from it cold."*

CELEBRATE ORTHODOXY!

The Orthodox Church in America of Great Lent invites you to the Pan-Orthodox Vespers

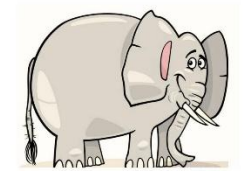
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS
Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church
601 West McMurray Road, Canonsburg, PA
Celebrant and Homilist: His Grace Bishop Thomas
Service featuring the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh
Vespers will be followed by fellowship and Lenten refreshments.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

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Lenten Service schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>3/1</u> Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Sunday of Orthodoxy 4:00 PM	<u>3/2</u>	<u>3/3</u>	<u>3/4</u> Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM	<u>3/5</u>	<u>3/6</u>	<u>3/7</u> Zoom Coffee Klatch 10:00AM
<u>3/8</u> Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM	<u>3/9</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>3/11</u> Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM	<u>3/12</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>3/14</u> Soul Saturday followed by Vespers 5:00